



# Read-Aloud Market Day

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“Welcome back to MakerCast! You’re kicking it with me—Fiona. Today, I’m going to talk about four of my favorite kid-makers at Carvalho Elementary’s Market Day.

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“First is Kara. She’s 10 years old and makes custom 3D *miniatures*—little plastic dolls—of anything you want.

“At her table, she was selling little unicorns, goblins, shiny knights, goofy robots, scary-looking ogres, banjo-playing frogs and dozens more.

“Kara designs them, prints them, and even paints them herself.

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“I asked Kara how she got into it. This is what she said:

“ ‘I play a lot of role-playing games with my friends. It was hard to find the miniatures we wanted. So, I learned to make them myself!’

 **Ask:** “What do you notice? What do you wonder?”

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“ ‘My favorite part about making minis are the details. It really teaches me to be patient. The smaller things are, the more careful you have to be to paint them.

You want to take your time and make sure everything is perfect.’ ”

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“If you thought Kara is cool, wait till you check out my next interview.

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“Miguel makes custom scarves out of beautiful prints that are soft, comfortable and stylish. But not just for humans. For animals too!

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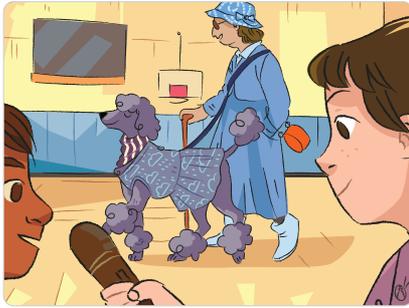


“Here’s what Miguel had to say:

“ ‘Pets come in all sizes. A scarf for a parakeet is not going to be good for a golden retriever, for example. Every scarf needs to be sized just right. No one wants a scarf that’s too short or too long. Everything needs to be cut perfectly.

 **Ask:** “What do you notice? What do you wonder?”

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“ ‘Some people say, *Miguel*, what does a few millimeters here or there matter? After all, they’re just animals! But pets deserve to feel beautiful and confident too.’ ”

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“For our next interview, we have Bobbi. Bobbi’s comics have been making the rounds around Carvalho Elementary ever since she started drawing them in second grade!”

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“Bobbi puts care and attention into every page of her comics. Here’s what she had to say:

“ ‘I put myself in my reader’s shoes, and ask how many panels I need to make the story fun and easy to follow.’ ”

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“ ‘The art can be wild and chaotic if you know how to use the panels to make it orderly. Part of that is planning ahead. You only have so much room on a page. Sometimes you can’t fit everything you want.’ ”

🗨️ **Ask:** “What do you notice? What do you wonder?”

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“And speaking of fitting stuff in, let me introduce you to Jonathan!”

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“Jonathan is new to Carvalho Elementary, but he's already making waves with his eye-popping puzzles. He takes pictures of interesting scenes around our town. With the help of his Uncle Omar, Jonathan turns them into jigsaw puzzles.”

“Here's what Jonathan has to say about working with his family:

“ ‘We're a great team. I look for the best pictures and Uncle Omar uses the saw in his workshop to cut the picture up into neat, perfectly-matched pieces.

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“ ‘The best part of puzzles is how it brings people together. My family and I have solved puzzles with hundreds and even thousands of pieces. Once we've finished, we even hang them up.’

**Ask:** “What do you notice? What do you wonder?”

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“Well, that about wraps it up, listeners. All in all, I had a fantastic time at Carvalho Elementary's Market Day. I got to learn about how creative my classmates are, and I got an inside look at all the cool things they make and sell. I hope their stories have inspired you as much as they've inspired me.

“Until next time, this has been MakerCast. I'm Fiona, and I can't wait to hear about what *you're* making.”